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Subject: submission on racing amendment act from Marburg Pacing Association

Att.Sue Cawcutt.

The following are brief submissions from the Marburg Pacing Association on selected objectives of the Racing Amendment Bill.

(1)...agreed..

(2)...agreed..

(3)...agreed..Submitted..That nominations be taken from all segments of the sport/industry, and to include licencees and persons not necessarily resident in or representing the interests of South East Queensland. That the Board to comprise 5 members rather than 3 and such members to receive only reasonable expenses incurred in attending meetings. No other remuneration should be provided.

(4)...agreed..Submitted..The MPA understands this to mean a single pool of multi-skilled stewards, with the requisite number to be supplied to each race meeting on a "user pays" basis. This group of stewards to be under the direct control of the Commissioner of Integrity..

(5)...agreed..Submitted..On-course bookmakers should be allowed at least a "level playing field" to ensure that they can offer an attractive betting medium. Clubs must offer the punter an alternative to the tote if they are to provide an atmosphere which will justify the charging of essential gate entry fees. Provision of a pro-active betting ring provides fixed odds, competes and interacts with the on-course tote, and fills a lot of the gaps in a race meeting time frame.

(6)...agreed..

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(8)...agreed..

(9)...agreed..Submitted..The MPA understands this to mean that, in simple terms, the sport/industry will be under the ultimate control of, and answerable via the Commissioner of Integrity and the Queensland All Codes Racing Industry Board to the Government of Queensland..

(10)...agreed..

Steve Towns..President MPA....Denis Smith..Vice President MPA..

